

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The claims are 1-3 and 5-12.

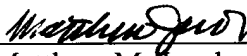
Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication that claim 4 is allowable.

Accordingly, claim 4 has been incorporated into claim 1 and the remaining claims are dependent on thus-amended claim 1.

Thus, it is apparent that this application is now in condition for allowance and an early indication to this effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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